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SUBJECT: NYT ARTICLE ON BULGARIA

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ARTICLE ON BULGARIAN-US RELATIONS BY MALCOLM W. BROWNE IN NOVEMBER 4 NEW YORK TIMES.

2. BROWNE QUOTED UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN IN BULGARIA AS SAYING THERE HAS BEEN MORE IMPROVEMENT IN US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS IN LAST FEW MONTHS THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE WW II AND SAID OTHER AMERICANS THERE SPECULATE THAT REASONS FOR BULGARIA SHOWING SIGNS OF ACCEPTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH US ARE BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL.

3. BROWNE DESCRIBED FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS AS COMPONENTS OF NEW IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE: GOB ISSUED FIRST EXIT PERMIT LAST WEEK TO ONE OF ABOUT 60 PERSONS US HAS BEEN PRESSING BULGARIA ABOUT FOR YEARS: KUNA NACHEVA DYANKOVA - TO VISIT SON IN HOLLYWOOD; AGREEMENT BY GOB TO STOP JAMMING VOA; SIGNING OF CONSULAR CONVENTION; IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS FOR US DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS AND BETTER ACCESS TO GOB OFFICIALS; AND RECENT VISIT OF PROFESSOR POPOV.

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4. ALSO QUOTED ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT'S OPINION THAT PRESENT

'HONEYMOON' WOULD NOT LAST LONG AND SAID THAT RELATIONS
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE FAR FROM IDEAL DESPITE FRIEND-
LIER CLIMATE.

5. FULL ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

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